

[1st April 1930]

A.—(a) Yes, in Ernad taluk. It is not prevalent on a large scale in Walluvanad taluk.

(b) The Government have since perused the article.

(c) As far as information is available, figures are furnished below :—

					Fortnight ending 15th March 1930.	
					Attacks.	Deaths.
Ernad	...	...	...	...	119	67
Walluvanad	...	...	...	...	10	11

(d) & (e) Apart from what is contained in the article in the *Madras Mail* referred to above, the Government have no information.

(f) (g) & (h) It is primarily the duty of the local boards concerned to preserve public health within their respective jurisdictions and to take the necessary preventive measures. Officers of the Government Public Health and Medical Departments are available to assist them in the discharge of their duties. The Government also make grants to district boards for the provision of drinking water in rural areas.

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ May I know how it happens that in Walluvanad taluk where there were only ten attacks eleven people died ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ I wish the hon. Member had read the answer more carefully. The hon. Member need not presume that the attacks began only in the fortnight ending 15th March. During that fortnight, there were ten attacks and eleven deaths. That means there must have been attacks in the previous fortnight. ”

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ With reference to answer to (f), (g) and (h) that it is primarily the duty of the local bodies concerned, may I know whether at least secondarily the Government is not liable ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That is really cross-examination. ”

Registration

Alleged non-payment of pay during transit to ministerial subordinates in the Registration department.

* 1795 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that pay is not allowed during transit period to the ministerial subordinates of the Registration department transferred at their request in certain districts; and

(b) if so, under what authority ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information. The attention of the hon. Member is however invited to note 2 to Fundamental Rule 107.